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C O N F I D E N T I A L 3862
SUBJ: JCS SITREP 003/222300Z NOV 78 (U)
1. (C) SITUATION:
A. THE 150 GUYANESE DEFENSE AND POLICE FORCES CONTINUE TO FACILITATE US EFFORTS AND PROVIDE SECURITY. SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS CONTINUE IN THE JUNGLE SURROUND ' JONESTOWN WHERE SOME 450-500 PEOPLE'S TEMPLE MEMBERS MAY HAVE FLED. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 68 SURVIVORS UNDER GOG CUSTODY. GUYANESE POLICE OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY PREFER TO KEEP ALL PERSONS CONNECTED WITH

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THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE UNDER CUSTODY AND IN COUNTRY FOR SEVERAL DAYS.
B. IT IS BELIEVED THAT MOST OF JONES' QUOTE, HARD CORE, UNQUOTE, FOLLOWERS ARE AMONG THE 405 DEAD SECT MEMBERS. HOWEVER, THE POSSIBILITY OF RANDOM SNIPER ATTACKS CANNOT BE DISCOUNTED. VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME SURVIVORS MAY CROSS INTO VENEZUELA.
C. UTM MAP COORDINATES OF JONESTOWN HAVE BEEN REPORTED AS 21NSJ7662492.
2. (C) FRIENDLY OPERATIONS.
A. MAC HAS COMPLETED MOVEMENT OF EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL INTO GEORGETOWN, GUYANA, HAVING FLOWN 22 C-141 AND 5 C-130 MISSIONS INTO COUNTRY. AS OF 220930Z NOV 78, 239 PERSONNEL ARE IN COUNTRY.
B. THREE HH-53 HELICOPTERS ARRIVED GEORGETOWN AT 221720Z NOV 78 AND BEGAN TRANSPORTING BODIES FROM JONESTOWN TO GEORGETOWN. C-141 AIRCRAFT WILL LIFT BODIES TO DOVER AFB FOR PROCESSING. FIRST MISSION SHOULD ARRIVE EARLY MORNING 23 NOV 78.
C. COMJTF ESTIMATES THREE DAYS TO COMPLETE RETURN OF BODIES

ADDITIONAL TIME MAY BE REQUIRED IF SURVIVORS ARE EVACUATED BY MILITARY AIR.

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D. JOINT COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT ELEMENT DEPLOYMENT HAS BEEN COMPLETED. ALL PLANNED COMMUNICATIONS NETS ARE ESTABLISHED AND OPERATING.
3. (U) GENERAL INFORMATION.
A. STATE HAS ALERTED DOD TO REQUIREMENT TO RETURN SECT SURVIVORS TO THE CONUS.
B. JCS 222032Z NOV 78 PROMULGATES STATE/DOD UNDERSTANDING. DOD WILL TRANSPORT REMAINS FROM GOG TO DOVER, DEL AND PROCESS REMAINS FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES. DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL REIMBURSE DOD FOR ALL DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF THIS OPERATION. STATE WILL HAVE LEGAL CUSTODY OF REMAINS AND HANDLE ALL RELATIONSHIPS WITH NEXT OF KIN AND OTHERS. STATE WILL ASSUME PHYSICAL CUSTODY RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN DOD FUNCTIONS ARE TERMINATED.
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